

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, after line 3, insert as follows:

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Page 2, after line 31, insert as follows:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, at line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the manufacture of vinyl acetate from ethylene and acetic acid, the molar ratio of the fresh feed ethylene to acetic acid is desirably unity or approximately unity. Thus, in an integrated process in which ethane is oxidised in an oxidation reaction zone to produce ethylene and acetic acid for use in a second reaction zone for the production of vinyl acetate to ~~maxamise~~ maximize overall integrated process efficiency and also vinyl acetate output, the molar ratio of ethylene to acetic acid produced in the oxidation reaction zone, is desirably unity or approximately unity depending upon the selectivity/yield in the second reaction zone.

Page 14, after line 8, insert as follows:

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

Page 14, after line 12, insert as follows:

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS